

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 59**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

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SYNOPSIS

Urges President and Congress of United States to enact assault weapons ban including prohibition against large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** urging the President and the
 2 Congress of the United States to enact an assault weapons ban
 3 including a prohibition against large capacity ammunition feeding
 4 devices.

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 6 **WHEREAS**, The federal “Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement
 7 Act of 1994” which included provisions that banned the sale of
 8 semi-automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition
 9 feeding devices expired when Congress failed to reauthorize the act
 10 in 2004; and

11 **WHEREAS**, A new or reauthorized assault weapons ban should prohibit
 12 the manufacture, transfer, and possession of assault weapons and
 13 the transfer and possession of large capacity ammunition feeding
 14 devices, magazines, or clips; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapons are semi-automatic firearms designed
 16 with military features to allow rapid and accurate spray firing; they
 17 are designed to kill quickly and efficiently and are not intended for
 18 sport or hunting; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Assault weapons have been used in some of the nation’s
 20 most horrific crimes including the recent tragedy in Arizona in
 21 which six people were killed and 13 others, including Arizona
 22 Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, were injured; and

23 **WHEREAS**, The accused gunman in the Arizona massacre employed a
 24 large capacity magazine which allowed him to fire more than 30
 25 shots quickly and without reloading; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Recognizing that assault weapons pose a serious threat to
 27 law enforcement and to the safety of the citizens in New Jersey, in
 28 1990 New Jersey enacted legislation banning assault weapons and
 29 certain large capacity ammunition feeding devices; and

30 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper and in the public interest
 31 for this Legislature to respectfully urge the President and the
 32 Congress of the United States to enact an assault weapons ban
 33 including a prohibition against large capacity ammunition feeding
 34 devices; now, therefore,

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 36 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
 37 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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 39 1. The President and the Congress of the United States are
 40 urged to enact an assault weapons ban including a prohibition
 41 against large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

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 43 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
 44 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
 45 Secretary of State to the President and Vice President of the United
 46 States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate,
 47 the Speaker and Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States

1 House of Representatives, and each member of the United States
2 Congress elected from this State.

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STATEMENT

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7 This resolution urges the President and Congress of the United
8 States to enact an assault weapons ban including a prohibition
9 against large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

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11 1994” which included provisions that banned the sale of semi-
12 automatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding
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15 horrific crimes including the recent tragedy in Arizona in which six
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